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SUBJ: SOVIET OIL AND GAS DELIVERIES

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1. MINTRADE PETROLEUM EXPERT TOLD EMBASSY THIS WEEK THAT THERE HAS BEEN RECENT REDUCTION IN PRESSURE IN PIPELINE BRINGING SOVIET NATURAL GAS TO AUSTRIA, WITH CONSEQUENT REDUCTION IN VOLUME SUPPLIED. SOURCE, HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT AS FAR AS HE WAS AWARE THIS WAS DUE TO TEMPORARY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES CONNECTED WITH SOVIET SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS TO FRG. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT BY END OF YEAR SOVIETS WOULD HAVE DELIVERED TO AUSTRIA FULL AMOUNT CONTRACTED FOR. WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 1.4 BILLION CU. METERS THIS YEAR.

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2. SENIOR OFFICIAL IN AUSTRIA'S NATIONALIZED OIL COMPANY (OEMV)

TOLD US THIS WEEK THAT SOVIETS HAVE BEEN COMPLYING SCRUPULOUSLY WITH CONTRACT COMMITMENTS FOR NATURAL GAS.

3. AUSTRIANS, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE ADDITIONAL DELIVERIES OF SOVIET NATURAL GAS, AND WE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH SOVIETS ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT OEMV OFFICIAL RECENTLY HAD TALKS IN MOSCOW CONCERNING AUSTRIAN INTEREST IN OBTAINING MORE CRUDE OIL FROM SOVIET UNION NEXT YEAR. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, SOVIETS TOLD AUSTRIANS THAT THEY WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SUPPLY CRUDE CONTRACTED FOR 1973, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT ONE MILLION TONS. ARTICLE STATES THAT ANOTHER MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN MID-DEC HERE TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF BOTH CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES FROM SOVIET UNION IN FUTURE. EMBASSY HAS NO INDICATIONS SO FAR FROM AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS THAT SOVIETS HAVE BEEN CUTTING BACK ON CRUDE DELIVERIES.
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